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A reliable, confidential informant in attendance at a Black United Front meeting held at the Meridian Hill Park, in NW Washington, D.C. on 17 July 1968, advised that R. H. BOOKER (Reggie) was the main speaker addressing approximately 150 members of the rally. BOOKER stated he was aware that representatives of the CIA and FBI were in the audience.

The purpose of the rally was to gain support for a black brother killed by a white policeman. The following comments were made by BOOKER: "Black people are going to take control of the 13th Precinct if we have to shoot every white honky cop there. Mayor Walter Washington will have to go too, because he is nothing but one of President Johnson's farm hands."

At this point, BOOKER introduced the Rev. Walter E. FAUNTROY who urged the black people to join the Black United Front and support the action of the black people.

Other statements made at this rally by unidentified members of the group were such as: "If you don't have a gun, go buy one. If you can't buy one, then there ain't but one thing a penny can buy- a book of matches." "When we do start shooting, we are going to shoot on 16th Street, Wisconsin Avenue, Connecticut Avenue, and we might go up on Capitol Hill."

In the informant's opinion, R. BOOKER is a more dangerous militant leader than Stokely CARMICHAEL and believes in dealing with the whites only with guns.

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